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Idaho Potato Stocks Down 25 percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on June 1 totaled 19.0 million cwt, 6.5 million cwt less than on hand June 1, 2010. This is the lowest June 1 stocks level since 2006. Disappearance, at 95.4 million cwt is down from last year's 107.0 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 700,000 cwt, down from last year's 1.50 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 18.3 million cwt, were down from the 24.0 million cwt stored on June 1, 2010. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 6.57 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes during May, down 3.8 percent from May 2010. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 59.4 million cwt of 2010 crop raw potatoes to June 1, down 5.7 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 51.8 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 7.52 million cwt were produced in other states.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 35.5 million cwt of potatoes in storage June 1, 2011, down 36 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 10 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, four percentage points below June 1, 2010. Potato disappearance, at 316 million cwt, was 4 percent below June 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 23.3 million cwt, was down 18 percent from the same date in 2010. Processors in the 9 major States have used 161 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 1 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 25.8 million cwt of the total processing, down 14 percent from last year.

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